The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 14th November 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

I
NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the prescribed oath of allegiance to the Crown and then took their seats :—

1. The Rev. EARLE MONTEITH MACPHAIL.
2. M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur KONKOTH RAMUNNI MENON Avargal.

II
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Tanks in the Ramnad and Tinnevelly districts.

463 Q.—Mr. R. APPASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some tanks in Kovilpatti taluk, Tinnevelly district, have not been investigated by the Tank Restoration party though they had already completed the work in the district ;

(*b*) when the Government expect the investigation of such tanks to be taken up ;

(*c*) whether the Government are in possession of any records of tanks silted up by the flow of supply-water in Ramnad and Tinnevelly districts ;

(*d*) if so, what are the ayacut areas of lands irrigated under such tanks, and what are the amounts of land revenues collected from them ; and

(*e*) if the reply to (*a*) and (*b*) is in the negative whether the Government will be pleased to call for such information and lay it on the table ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*e*) Tank Restoration Scheme investigation is taken up by river basins and minor basins and not by taluks. It is not a fact that the investigation of Tank Restoration Scheme works in the Tinnevelly district has been completed. The investigation of four minor basins in the district has been finished and at present estimates for certain works partly investigated in the Tinnevelly minor basin are being completed. It is proposed to resume investigation in the district in 1923–24.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.